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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, replace previously amended lines 1-9 with the following:

pursuant to the invention, or only one or more layers of TBC can comprise a hafnia-bearing coating layer pursuant to the invention. Moreover, the morphology or structure of the TBC 30 can be controlled as taught in copending application entitled "THERMAL BARRIER COATING" (attorney docket No. MP293), US Serial No. 10/024,538, now US Patent 6,689,487, of common inventorship herewith, to further reduce thermal conductivity of TBC 30 by virtue of both its composition pursuant to this invention and its morphology. Layered or graded TBC coating structures also can be used to this end.